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Center for Community Journalism and Development

ONLINE SAFETY TRAINING *FOR JOURNALISTS IN PHILIPPINES*

SEPTEMBER 23-25, 2021

Agenda & Useful materials



COURSE OBJECTIVES

The three-day online basic course on physical, digital and psychological safety seeks to address the increasing attacks against journalists and activists in the Philippines that is exacerbated by a continuing culture of impunity. It aims to equip journalists, especially those working in hostile environments, with basic skills and knowledge on personal safety and security.

At the end of the course, participants are expected to:

- Have a better understanding of how to address risks through rapid assessments, planning and preparation
- Secure their devices and data through digital security
- Recognize and deal with traumatic stress

COURSE AGENDA

Day 1 Thursday September 23	Session	Trainer/Resource Person
<i>Morning</i>		
9:00 - 9:15	Preliminaries: Overview and Welcome Remarks	USAGM
9:15 - 10:00	<u>Session 1</u> Introduction to the Course and Context Setting	Red Batario
10:00 - 10:15	COFFEE BREAK	
10:15 - 12:00	<u>Session 2</u> Legal Rights and Media Safety	Dana Batnag
12:00 - 1:30	LUNCH BREAK	
<i>Afternoon</i>		
1:30 - 2:30	<u>Session 3</u> Planning and Preparing for Dangerous Assignments: Risk Assessment and Contingency Planning	Red Batario Chino Gaston
2:30 - 2:45	COFFEE BREAK	
2:45 - 3:45	Continuation of Session 3	
Day 2 Friday September 24	Session	Trainer/Resource Person
<i>Morning</i>		
9:00 - 9:15	Recap Day 1 session	
9:15 - 10:00	<u>Session 4</u> Digital Device Security	Charlie Saceda

10:00 - 10:15	COFFEE BREAK	
10:15 - 11:15	<u>Session 5</u> Secure Communications	
11:15 - 12:00	<u>Session 6</u> Online Privacy and Security	
12:00 - 1:30	LUNCH BREAK	
<i>Afternoon</i>		
1:30 - 2:30	<u>Session 7</u> Securing Mobile Devices	
2:30 - 2:45	COFFEE BREAK	
2:45 - 3:45	Session 8 Digital Security Policy for Organizations	
3:45 - 4:00	Wrap-up	
Day 3 Saturday September 25	Session	Trainer/Resource Person
<i>Morning</i>		
9:00 - 9:15	Recap Day 2 session	
9:15 - 10:30	<u>Session 9</u> Keeping Safe While on Dangerous Assignment (Situational Awareness, Detecting Surveillance)	Red Batario Chino Gaston
10:30 - 10:45	COFFEE BREAK	
10:45 - 12:00	<u>Session 10</u> Personal, Family and Workplace Safety	Red Batario Chino Gaston
12:00 - 1:30	LUNCH BREAK	
<i>Afternoon</i>		
1:30 - 2:30	<u>Session 11</u> Media and the Psyche	Tricia Zafra Renz Christian Argao
2:30 - 4:30	<u>Session 12</u> Psychotraumatology: Understanding Crisis and Traumatic Stress	Tricia Zafra Renz Christian Argao
4:30 - 4:45	Wrap-up and Closing	Red Batario USAGM



Red BATARIO

Victor Redmond Batario is a former journalist with more than 30 years' experience working for newspapers and television in the Philippines and Southeast Asia. He has received various awards for some of his investigative reports undertaken in dangerous conditions and also for leadership in journalism. As a journalism safety and security consultant he has been conducting since 2007 hostile environment and emergency first aid safety training for journalists and human rights defenders as well as safety audits for media and NGOs in Southeast Asia. He heads the Center for Community Journalism and Development (CCJD) and is formerly Southeast Asia coordinator of the International News Safety Institute (INSI).



Dana BATNAG

Odina Batnag is a lawyer with a strong background in media and communication, having worked as a journalist for more than three decades. Since passing the 2014 bar examinations, she has handled cases on human rights, environmental protection, libel, land, data protection, and domestic violence. Aside from her legal practice, she is also a certified data protection officer, and a contributing writer for the Singapore Straits Times.



Charlie SACEDA

Charlie Saceda is one of five safety trainers certified by the International News Safety Institute (INSI)-Center for Community Journalism (CCJD). As a safety trainer and advises, he also provides psychosocial support to fellow journalists. With a background in computer science, Charlie also attended digital security trainings in 2010 and 2019. A photojournalist by heart and profession, he has worked over a number of years with various international news agencies and national broadsheets. He currently works for a media development organization to which he brings his vast experience in covering conflict and disasters.



Chino GASTON

Felino Antonio Gaston has been a TV journalist for over 20 years, covering mainly issues involving national defense, conflict and natural disasters. Among his more notable coverage was the aftermath of the Japan Tsunami, the eruption of Taal Volcano, the siege of Marawi and Zamboanga in Mindanao as well as other calamities. He was a member of the National Directorate of the National

Union of Journalists of the Philippines and is one of the safety officers of GMA-7 Network. He is a trained Wilderness Search and Rescue operator and one of the trainers for the International News Safety Institute in Southeast Asia.



Renz ARGAO

Renz Christian Argao, R.Psy, R.Pm, DAAETS, is a Registered Psychologist and a Registered Psychometrician. An internationally recognized expert in psychotrauma, he is one of the handful of Filipinos who hold the status of Diplomate of the American Academy of Experts in Traumatic Stress. Renz is one of the main trainers in the Peace and Conflict Journalism Network (PECOJON) Peer Support Formation Program where 16 media workers were

trained with skills and knowledge in providing psychosocial support to their fellows to manage stress and trauma at work.



Tricia Zafra

Tricia Denise C. Zafra, M.A., is the Public Relations and Information Division Chief of the Philippine Space Agency. Before this, she had a 12-year career in television news as field reporter, anchor, and executive producer. Stressful experiences at work motivated her to take up graduate studies in Psychology in U.P. Diliman. She eventually used this opportunity to look into the psychological impacts of the war on drugs coverage on her colleagues and friends

in the television news industry.

Useful Materials

(Links are clickable and materials are downloadable)

1. Philippine Journalists' Safety Guide

<https://bit.ly/3AACShS>

2. Committee to Protect Journalists. "Journalist Security Guide"

<https://bit.ly/3AteONJ>

3. Handbook for Journalists During Elections

<https://bit.ly/3hTbhRH>

4. Safety Handbook for Women Journalists

<https://bit.ly/3nTcBYz>

Other resources on physical safety

1. No Woman's Land: On the Frontlines with Female Reporters

Compiled and edited by Hannah Storm and Helena Williams

International News Safety Institute (INSI)

<https://newssafety.org/home/>

2. Safety Guide for Journalists: A Handbook for Reporters in High-Risk Environments

Reporters without Borders

<https://rsf.org/sites/default/files/2015-rsf-safety-guide-for-journalists.pdf>

3. Rory Peck Trust - safety resources

<https://rorypecktrust.org/resources/safety-and-security-assessment>

4. Dart Centre for Journalism and Trauma

https://dartcenter.org/sites/default/files/journalists_and_safety_training_-_experiences_and_opinions_.pdf

See especially section on gender and culture and trainer gender.

5. What If? Safety Handbook for Women Journalists

<https://www.iawrt.org/sites/default/files/field/pdf/2017/11/IAWRT%20Safety%20Manual.Download.10112017.pdf>

International Association of Women in Radio and Television

6. Staying Alive: Safety and Security Guidelines for Humanitarian Volunteers

<https://www.icrc.org/en/publication/0717-staying-alive-safety-and-security-guidelines-humanitarian-volunteers-conflict-areas>